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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

PORT MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR YEAR ENDING

31st DECEMBER 1953

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E.J. GORDON WALLACE, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Port Medical Officer.

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P O R T H E A L T H A U T H O R I T Y.

Health Centre,
Westham Road,
WEYMOUTH.

March 1954.

To the Chairman and Members of the Weymouth Port
Health Authority.

Mr. Chairman, Mrs Megoran and Gentlemen,

In accordance with Article 17(5) of the Sanitary Officers (Outside London) Regulations 1935 and 1951, I have to submit for your information and consideration my Annual Report for the Year 1953.

In Circular 21/53 dated 20th October 1953, the Minister of Health requires that this Report should be prepared on the lines indicated in Form Port 20 which was enclosed with Circular 33/52 dated 6th November 1952. Form Port 20 states that the information required in Sections 1,V,V1,Vlll,XlV,XV, and XVI - all marked with an asterisk - need not be repeated each year. This information was given in full in last year's Report and will be recapitulated in 1955 and thereafter quinquennially. For the intermediate years only the changes which have occurred during the year covered by the Report need be mentioned in these Sections; if there has been no change, "NO CHANGE" should be entered.

On one occasion when it was necessary to board a vessel, the Captain-in-Charge, H.M.Dockyard, Portland, put an M.F.V. at my disposal and this co-operation was very much appreciated.

It is again a pleasure to have this opportunity of thanking members of the Authority for their kindness and consideration, the Clerk for his ready co-operation, and Mr. E.V. Abbey, Port Health Inspector, for his willing assistance at all times.

I am also/... ...

I am also most grateful to the Divisional Marine Manager,
British Railways, and the Officers of H.M. Customs for their continued
help.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

E. J. Gordon Wallace
(E.J. GORDON WALLACE.)

Port Medical Officer.



SECTION 1 - STAFF. *

TABLE A

NO CHANGE.

SECTION 11 - AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR.

TABLE B

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Number Inspected		Number of Ships reported as having, or having had during the voyage, infectious Disease on Board.
			By the Med. Officer of Health.	By the Sanitary Inspector.	
Foreign Ports	583	347,616	4	565	Nil
Coastwise	192	151,915	2	96	Nil
Total	775	499,531	6	661	Nil

SECTION 111 - CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR.

TABLE C

Passenger Traffic	(Number of Passengers INWARDS	64,690	Day Trippers
	(Number of Passengers OUTWARDS	71,907	
Cargo Traffic	(Principal IMPORTS: Fruit, Vegetables, Flowers, Meat, Shellfish,		
	(Principal EXPORTS: General Merchandise; Stores.	(and Oil.	
Principal Ports from which Ships arrive: Amsterdam; Antwerp; Boulogne; Dieppe; Gothenborg; Hamburg; LeHavre; Malta; Marseille; Rotterdam; Stockholm; Vigo.			

SECTION IV - INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC.

N I L

SECTION V - WATER SUPPLY. *

NO CHANGE

SECTION VI - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS, 1952. *

NO CHANGE

SECTION VII - SMALLPOX.

1. Name of Isolation Hospital to which smallpox cases are sent from the District:

Crabwood Smallpox Hospital, Nr. Winchester, Hants.

2. Arrangements for transport of such cases to that Hospital:

Dorset County Council Ambulance Service, from the Weymouth Ambulance Depot. Each Ambulance driver/Attendant at this Depot is re-vaccinated every year. The vaccinal state of the Weymouth Corporation disinfectors staff is also maintained by annual re-vaccination.

3. Names of Smallpox Consultants available:

Dr. E.J.Gordon Wallace - Weymouth.
Dr. P. Hughes. - Weymouth.
Dr. C. Hollins. - Dorchester.

4. Facilities for laboratory diagnosis of Smallpox.

Suspected material is sent to:

Dr. F.O.McCallum,
Virus Reference Laboratory,
Central Public Health Laboratory,
Colindale, London N.W.9. Tel. Colindale 6041.

SECTION VIII - VENEREAL DISEASE.

NO CHANGE.

SECTION IX - CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES ON SHIPS.

TABLE D.

Category	Disease.	No. of cases during Year		No. of Ships
		Passengers	Crew.	concerned.
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases landed from other ships.	Ac. Poliomyelitis Non-paralytic	1	Nil	1

SECTION X - OBSERVATIONS ON THE OCCURRENCE OF MALARIA IN SHIPS.

N I L

SECTION XI - MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS INFECTED WITH OR SUSPECTED FOR PLAGUE.

N I L

SECTION XII - MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS.

1. The Port Health Inspector carries out a detailed inspection for rodents on all ships arriving from foreign ports.
2. Arrangements have been made for the bacteriological and pathological examinations of rodents to be carried out at the County Laboratory, Dorchester. No such examinations were carried out during 1953.
3. The Port Health Inspector has been trained in modern methods of rodent control. Small infestations are dealt with by trapping and baiting. Large scale infestations would be dealt with by specialist fumigation firms from Southampton or London. During the year, both the Port Medical Officer of Health and the Port Health Inspector attended one day courses of instruction organised by the Port of London Health Authority on the use of sodium fluoroacetate.

TABLE E

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports.

Category				Number
Black rats	10
Brown rats	Nil
Species not known	Nil
Sent for examination			...	Nil
Infected with plague			...	Nil

TABLE F.

Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during the year for ships from foreign ports.

No. of Deratting Certificates issued.					Number of Deratting Exemption Cert's issued	Total Cert's Issued.
After fumigation with H.C.N.	Other Fumigant (State Method)	After Trapping.	After Poisoning	Total		
1	2	3	4 *	5	6	7
-	-	-	1 Zinc Phos.	1	-	1

* State poisons used and number of Cert's issued after each poison.

SECTION XIII - INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES.

TABLE G.

Inspections and Notices.

Nature and number of Inspections	Notices Served		Result of Serving Notices
	Statutory Notices	Other Notices	
British 632	Nil	6	4 abated.
Foreign 29	Nil	7	6 abated.
TOTAL 661	Nil	13	10 abated.

SECTION XIV* - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELLFISH) REGULATIONS 1934 and 1948.

NO CHANGE

SECTION XV* - MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS.

NO CHANGE

SECTION XVI* - MISCELLANEOUS.

NO CHANGE

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P O R T H E A L T H A U T H O R I T Y .

4, Lansdowne Square,
WEYMOUTH.

March 1954.

To Dr. E. J. Gordon Wallace,
Port Medical Officer of Health.

Sir,

In accordance with the requirements of Article 27(8) of the Sanitary Officers' (Outside London) Regulations 1935, I herewith submit particulars of my work during the year 1953 as Port Health Inspector and Assistant Food Inspector to the Weymouth Port Health Authority.

Particulars of Ships Arriving and Inspected in the Port
during 1953.

				Where Inspected.	
				<u>Weymouth</u>	<u>Portland.</u>
British	580	52
Costa Rican	1	-
Dutch	5	18
French	2	-
German	2	-
Swedish	1	-
TOTALS				... 591	70

Number of Inspections made during the Year.

Total Number of Vessels Inspected	... 661
Re-inspections after the giving of Notices	... 19
Re-visits to vessels discharging food cargoes	... 58
Visits under Section 19 of the Public Health (Ships) Regulations.	... 12
TOTAL	... 750

FOOD INSPECTION.

Five Hundred and twelve visits and fifty-eightre-visits were made to vessels discharging food cargoes during the year. One item of foodstuff was condemned as unfit for human consumption, details of which are set out below.

<u>Foods.</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Date Detained</u>	<u>Action Taken.</u>
Tomatoes.	36 lbs.	11.11.53	Condemned and destroyed 12.11.53.

The total number of packages of food landed in the Port during 1953 was:

		<u>Packages.</u>	<u>Weight</u> <u>Tons.</u>	<u>Cwts.</u>
Tomatoes	...	5,037,972	31,510	-
Potatoes	...	88,339	2,743	-
Other Produce	...	27,250	170	-
TOTAL		...	5,153,561	34,423

I wish to express my thanks to the Chairman of the Port Health Authority and to yourself as Port Medical Officer for the support and consideration afforded me during the year. Also to the Officers of H.M. Customs Waterguard and Excise, the Naval Stores Officer and Staff, Shipping Agents and their Staffs in Portland and Weymouth, and members of the British Railways Executive and Pier Staff for the assistance which has been so willingly accorded to me.

I am Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Edward V. Abbey.

Port Health and Assistant Food Inspector.



